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**RE: CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION 2005 INTEGRATED ENERGY POLICY
REPORT COMMITTEE DRAFT Report SEPTEMBER 2005 CEC-100-2005-007-CTD**

Dear Commission Members;

We are unalterably opposed to the proposal contained in the Committee Draft Report that says "*California, however has tremendous potential to produce ethanol with biomass material such as municipal, agricultural, and forestry wastes.*" The biomass in our forests is not a waste product; biomass is habitat for species, shade for retaining soil moisture and cool temperatures that are nature's way to prevent catastrophic fires, and a source of future soil nutrients needed to grow future trees and forests. Our forests should not be used as a source for creating ethanol fuel because this would establish a structure to strip forests of essential forest components.

Also, burning any fuel, even biodiesel ethanol, still contributes Carbon Dioxide and Carbon Monoxide to the atmosphere, which exacerbates Global Warming/Climate Change. California should concentrate on acquiring energy through other sources like financing a solar photovoltaic production facility in the San Joaquin Valley to employ Californians to produce the solar photovoltaic panels that would be built into the roof of every structure in the state. While California would most likely be able to supply all of its energy needs with solar photovoltaic roof panels, the state could also encourage wind generators, only where appropriate, and where they are not a danger to migrating birds.

Thank you for your time in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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